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"Like It Is"

George B. Bickford

Two meetings of the High School Study Committee have been held to date, and at these meetings there was a grand total of six interested citizens in attendance, much to my dismay. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, at 7:30 in the Town Hall hearing room, and I hope that more interested citizens and students are in attendance.

It appears to those in favor of a new Middle School, that there is no support for a new high school, and that only a "select few" of the townspeople do favor a new high school structure. These middle school proponents, some of whom are on the High School Study Committee, also fail to regard many of the recommendations and comments of the Visiting Evaluation Committee as worthy of study and action. It seems that, for the most part, our town has been indoctrinated and brain washed with the Middle School proposal. When Democracy returns to Agawam, hopefully for the proposed special Town Meeting in September, maybe then the townspeople will be allowed to weigh both sides justly and then make the choice which will benefit Agawam as a whole. I have faith that the Townspeople will appropriate money for the new school if they are assured that their money is being used wisely and efficiently. We want to maintain a competitive educational system in Agawam and without your support we may never be given a choice as to how we will improve the children's education. Help Agawam be progressive: attend the High School Study Committee meetings!

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Agawam Postmaster Robert R. DeForge has been advised that Regional Dir. Donald Steele has approved superior accomplishment award certificates for letter carriers Edward Frighetto and Frank Cahill. The awards were based on above average performance of their assigned duties and both were presented checks of \$250.00.

(Ed. note) People who know these two gentlemen will rejoice with them. This is a well deserved award.

NEW POSTAL INCREASES

First-class mail: Letters and post cards would be increased 1c, to 7c an ounce and 6c a piece, respectively, on July 1, 1969. Airmail postage would remain at 10c. This will yield \$557.2 million in new revenues.

Second-class mail: A handling charge of 3/10ths of a cent per piece for circulation outside home counties would become effective July 1, 1969. This would yield \$15.3 million annually and would represent a 12% increase in addition to the 8% rise scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, 1970.

Third-class mail: For single pieces, rates would be increased 1c per piece. This would yield \$12.4 million. For regular bulk 3rd class, the min. would be increased to a uniform rate of 4.2c, Jan. 1, 1970, as contrasted with the present rate of 3.6c. The 1970 increase would lift revenues by \$46.8 million annually.

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What's Best For Our Children?



V. R. Moreno

As a child advances to the Junior High school period of his educational progress, normally he will be in the 12-15 year age group, he reaches what is probably the most critical period of his entire educational experiences. Due to the natural physical changes occurring within him at that age, with the accompanying mental emotional stresses, he becomes, as some psychologists have expressed it, "Neither child nor adult", but a strange mixture of the two. It is at this period that he needs the strong daily guidance of a 'Home Room' teacher thoroughly trained in the understanding of his personal problems, while at the same time he is given the opportunity to 'Blow Off Steam' and to explore the problems of his approaching adult, workaday world through athletics, dramatics,

music, club work, student government activities, and exploratory work in the fields of industry, business and ordinary labor. He is like a colt that must be kept tethered for his own safety, but with a tether long enough to allow him to kick up his heels, and to begin to find out what is going on in the world around him. It is extremely important that the child at this age be given the opportunity to develop leadership and fellowship, within his own age group. For this reason he should be kept reasonably isolated both from younger children whom he would naturally try to dominate, and from older children who would tend to dominate him, and thereby curb his opportunity for developing leadership.

By the time the pupil advances to the senior high school he has, under normal conditions, passed through that period of critical physical change in his life, has developed at least a foundation for self-dependence and critical thinking, and is ready for a full program of departmentalized work. His academic work is beginning to fall into lines of specialization according to his abilities and interests such as music, dramatics, athletics and fine arts, are taking him into advanced work in those fields.

If the statements of the 2 preceding paragraphs can be accepted as a true picture of the educational setting for children of 6th through 12th grade, then it seems reasonable to express the totalness of a housing program for these groups in terms of equal opportunity for all; where the enrollment of each group is large enough to permit separate housing of the Jr. high and the Sr. high schools without expensive duplication of building spaces, equipment, administrative and teaching services, building maintenance and operation services. Such separate housing should by all means be provided. This is my basic thinking for the need to separate both age groups. To house them as a unit in a school building with up-to-date facilities and equipment of their own. On the side of economy, if Agawam wished to provide all of the building facilities, equipment, special teachers and other services required for a complete educational program, it can do so economically only by bringing pupils together in one building to assure that the per pupil cost of these facilities and services is not prohibitive. With education as important as it is today, neither Agawam, nor any town has the moral right to deny its children a reasonably high quality of educational facilities and services. With the costs as high as they are today, Agawam should not waste its funds on unnecessary duplication of teachers, equipment, buildings or maintenance and operational personnel, especially when this duplication goes hand in hand with old, or small, inefficient schools.

The point I have lead up to is the school building program should tie in with the amortization (Mortgage) phaseout of school loans and bonded debt.

Example: The following bonded debts are, or will be amortized, (paid in full) on the following years. 1. Jr. high cafeteria - 1967, 2. Conn. River interceptor - 1968, 3. The Granger sch. - 1969, 4. Spld. St. storm drain and Fdng. Hills Fire Station - 1971, 5. Phelps addition - 1972, 6. South St. sch. - 1973, 7. New H.S., new H.S. addition, South St. school addition, all 3 in 1974. The total amount of reduction of payments by 1974 is \$350,000.00 which will put agawam in a favorable light if the "Moreno Plan" is used to phase out the Pierce and Danahy schools, without too great an increase on the funded debt. At that time each and every school building in Agawam will stand many years before our thoughts need turn toward new schools again.

Treasurer Dionne Reports on Cancer Drive

The House to House campaign held on Tues., April 29 under the direction of Mrs. Mary Labun (HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CHAIRMAN) was a complete success. As of this date, all precincts have not reported and the total amount collected in the Crusade is \$2,887.25 as of today (FRI. 5/2/69). Our goal this year is \$5,000.00 and the drive will continue for 2 more months. I, as treasurer and co-chm. do want to thank the towns people, the precinct leaders, the Western Bank employees who had volunteered their services in order to make Cancer Night April 29 a COMPLETE SUCCESS.

Donation boxes have been distributed throughout the area and I, as treas. am hoping that those who were not at home on Cancer night will utilize these boxes to the fullest for a most worthy cause. Collection station this year is at WESTERN BANK & TRUST CO. Feeding Hills Branch, under the direction of Crusade Chm., Mr. Warren Gentry.

Additional donations are presently in the process under the direction of the following: Special Gifts chm. Joseph Ferrari, Earl K. Dandy Clubs

and organizations chm., Frank Criscola Business and Industry chm. "Again, many thanks to all those who have contributed both their time, effort and generosity in making this CANCER CRUSADE a complete success" And am hoping, that the spirit will continue throughout the campaign.

Air Force Open House

HANSCOM FIELD, MASS. - The annual observance of Open House by the Air Force Electronic Systems Division will be held at Hanscom Field, Mass. on Sat., May 17th, Armed Forces Day.

Gates will open at 10 A.M. and close at 4 P.M.

The observance is free and open to the public. Ample free parking space will be available.

All news copy must be brought or mailed to 435 River Rd. There is no pick-up of news at police station or anywhere else.

NIXON CUTS OFF LIBRARY FUNDS

The New England Library Association sponsored a Public Relations Workshop at the Somerset Hotel, Boston, Sat. April 25.

Mrs. George J. Galick, Pres. of the New England Library Assoc'n. and Dir. of the Bur. of Library Extension of the Mass. Dep't. of Education welcomed the librarians, trustees, and state agency personnel present. In her remarks, Mrs. Galick stated that 66% of the money allocated by former Pres. Johnson for aid to libraries had been cut by Pres. Nixon. She explained that this included aid to all types of libraries, school, public, and special. She pointed out that the cut in aid to principal library programs amounted to almost 25% of the recommended reductions in federal funding for activities under the U.S. Office of Education.

Mrs. Ruth Kimball, Pub. Rel. Dir. for the N.Y.C. Library stated in a newspaper release for April 25, that because of the cuts by the city, state and fed. gov'ts, 11 branches of the N.Y.C. Library would be closed by Aug. 1969, 30 branches would be open only 2 days a week and the remaining 42 branches would operate on a reduced weekly schedule. A total of 235 librarians, clerks, and maintenance positions may be eliminated from the N.Y. Public Library.

Mrs. William Keogh, Sec. of the N.E. Library Trustees, said, "As a teacher I feel that this is a gross oversight on the part of the Nixon administration and hope that all parents, teachers, librarians, and trustees will make their feelings known to their congressmen. Education is the backbone of our society and books are the tools of education! How can our children learn if they do not have access to the necessary tools? It is a well-known fact that business communities have used the public library and saved themselves thousands of dollars from the facts obtained at the library. The do-it-yourself home owner will no longer be able to find the latest and best answer to his problem; the housewife will no longer find the answer to the type of home appliance which will give the best service; the hobbyist will no longer find the answers to his problems; the elderly will not have the large print edition of books newspapers, and magazines available and the visually handicapped will not have the "talking-books" available in large quantities. These are just 6 of the many, many services that will be curtailed or eliminated from the school, public, and special libraries. The N.E. Library Assoc'n hopes that this money will be re-instated by the Congress of the U.S."

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'Cage of Fury' at SHRINE CIRCUS

For most people the mention of cat brings to mind the family pet, probably a stray found by one of the kids, and brought home to find food and shelter. But not so to Captain Jose Barrada. When he thinks of cats, Captain Barrada's mind is filled with visions of wild jungle beasts, such as African Lions. Though these are hardly house pets, Captain Barrada thinks of them as trained pets (but not for petting). He has good reason to think this way, for Captain Barrada will present the "Cage of Fury" at the Melha Shrine Circus when it opens at the E. S. Coliseum, on Thursday May 15th., for a limited engagement.

Appearing in America for his 4th year, Captain Barrada has won not only the praise of audiences all across the country but also of the press and his fellow circus performers, a rare tribute to any circus star. Coming from his home in Lima, Peru, after more than 19 yrs., working with big cats, Captain Barrada has toured with all major South American Circuses.

Stepping into the giant steel arena with 11 lions, 10 females and 1 male, each show, Captain Barrada faces his unpredictable charges with a calmness and sureness few people has ever been able to master. For no one, no matter how much experience he has had working with the big cats, can predict what they will do. Says Capt. Barrada, "You can train a lion to do many tricks, you can even train him to do things normally against his nature, but you can never tame him."

Captain Barrada and his "Cage of Fury" will be one of the feature attractions in this year's all-new Melha Shrine Circus, which will be at the Coliseum May 15, 16, 17 and 18.

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Nature's Ways

by Wayne Hanley
Mass. Audubon Society

Our moist little cousins, the salamanders, hustle toward brooks and ponds on these chill spring nights.

Having stepped aside from the mainstream of evolution millions of years ago, they must return to the water each spring to lay their jelly-like eggs. They make the trip at night because their skins cannot withstand sunlight.

Salamanders are known as "spring lizards", although they are not lizards. They are relatively common creatures, but few humans ever see one without searching for it. Thus, we equate them with lizards since their little bodies have the general conformation of those creatures. The average salamanders is a very small animal, smaller around than a person's little finger and rarely more than twice as long as a finger. Many are slim little creatures that appear at first glance like stubby, fat earthworms.

There are at least 10 species in N.E. and 8 range as far north as Maine, with a few occurring even in Labrador.

It is ironical that an animal which cannot survive the drying heat of direct sunlight should be associated in the human mind with fire. Noah Webster defines a salamander as a "person or thing that can stand great heat." The legend of heat springs from the fact that they must remain moist and cool to live and thus frequently crawl into wet logs. When

the log is thrown into a fireplace, the salamander comes squirming out, and thus became an animal of fire.

To naturalists, they represent the link between land and water. It is the evolutionary step above the walking lung-fishes which can walk from pool-to-pool in droughts but must always return to water to feed. They must remain moist but can feed on land in its adult form.

The salamander has lost the scales that a remote ancestor must have had at the time it gave up the aquatic life of a fish and became a land animal. But, like most fish, it has no lungs. It breathes through the moist skin. They are a diverse lot, however, and some species do have lungs.

The largest salamander in New England spends its entire life in water. It is a fish-like creature with external gills and grows to a length of 17 inches. The mud puppy occurs in streams of the Conn. River system and occasionally bites on a fisherman's hook. It is the only salamander in New England whose jaws are strong enough to bite a human.

They are all non-poisonous and without exception avoid man. Indeed, they are very difficult to find and even more difficult to grasp. A salamander in the hand is quite slippery and very agile. It usually forces its head between your fingers and slithers away.

NIH THE SEARCH FOR HEALTH

A REPORT FROM
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
BETHESDA, MARYLAND

Hazards of Alcohol

Scientists report sobering new findings about the hazards of alcohol for occasional drinkers as well as for the Nation's 4 to 6½ million alcoholics. The researchers also add a special warning against excessive drinking by insulin-dependent diabetics.

Opinions differ as to how much alcohol is too much, but there is no question that the liver is a prime candidate for damage. The incidence of cirrhosis of the liver—fifth most common cause of death among adults in the United States—parallels the consumption of alcohol. In cirrhosis, the liver, after first becoming gorged with fat, shrivels and hardens as normally functioning liver cells are destroyed and replaced with growths of connective tissue.

At Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Cornell Medical Division of Bellevue Hospital, New York City, investigators aided by grants from the NIH's National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases at Bethesda, Maryland, have spiked the popular notion that people sustain liver damage from drinking mainly because they fail to eat properly. Their research shows that habitual drinking of alcohol can produce liver damage despite concurrent well-balanced food intake. Even short-term exposure to alcohol, the studies demonstrate further, leads rapidly to fat accumulation in the liver and microscopic structural changes in liver cells, regardless of diet, in persons drinking only occasionally. These early signs of damage disappear upon prompt discontinuance of alcohol.

Four women and eight men, ranging in age from 19 to 32, participated in the experiments. The volunteers were divided

into four groups: (1) isocaloric (calorie-for-calorie) substitution of alcohol in a standard diet containing a 16-36-48 ratio of protein-fat-carbohydrate (2) isocaloric substitution in a high-protein, low-fat diet (3) acute exposure with addition of alcohol to a standard diet for two days to mimic heavy "weekend" drinking, and (4) acute exposure for two days with a high-protein diet containing minimal (5 percent) fat. Alcohol (ethanol) in amounts from 70 to 270 grams was given daily for from two to fourteen days. Liver biopsies were performed periodically.

The volunteers were people who never drank or seldom drank and for two weeks prior to the study had not partaken of any alcoholic beverage. Yet structural changes occurred in all subjects and fat accumulation in the liver began after only two days of acute exposure.

"It is clear," the researchers report, "that alcohol can rapidly produce liver injury when taken in amounts equivalent to those consumed not only by recognized alcoholic persons but by many 'social' drinkers as well."

Another NIAMD grant-aided study is the basis for the warning against excessive drinking by insulin-dependent diabetics. Investigators at Harvard University and Boston City Hospital found that after insulin has reduced the level of blood sugar, alcohol may act to hold down the level beyond the normal "rebound" point. This reaction may cause multiple complications and even death. Patients receiving any drug that lowers blood sugar ("hypoglycemic agent") should especially avoid the excessive use of alcohol.

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Agawam Garden Club

The annual Plant Sale of the Agawam Garden Club will be held Sat., May 17 on the grounds of the Congregational Church from 9:30 - 12:00. Potted geraniums, red, pink, and Springfield, will be available as well as a variety of perennials, shrubs, and small evergreens. Cemetery urns will be filled on request.

Mrs. Eugene Joyner is General Chm. In addition to the sale of plants, there will be home baked foods under the dir. of Mrs. Joseph Edwards and Mrs. Felix Tefs, and a white elephant table conducted by Mrs. Malcolm Fuller. Orders for geraniums may be placed with Mrs. Eugene Joyner 788-8084, and Mrs. Donald George 788-0006. The sale will be scheduled rain or shine.

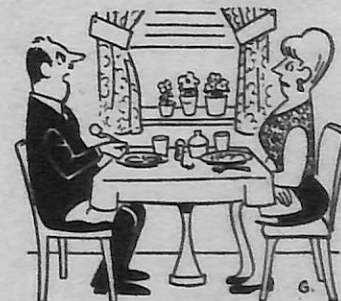
PTA Council Will Award 17 Scholarships

The Agawam Council of PTA announces that \$1617 has been collected for the Benjamin Phelps Memorial Scholarship Fund. As a result the council will award 17 - \$100 scholarships to deserving students chosen from the senior class graduating from Agawam H.S. for the purpose of furthering their education.

The recipients will be advised of their awards at a special assembly to be held at the H.S. just prior to graduation day.

The committee along with the entire PTA membership wish to express sincere thanks to the H.S. and the Jr. high students, school principals, teachers and all those who contributed or took part in any way to aid the success of this drive that aims to help the youth of Agawam in their endeavor to become more learned worthwhile citizens of our community.

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GRANGER SCHOOL

MON.: ju., sub. sand., peas & car., pinapple tidbt., TUES.: spag. w/mt. & tom. sc., but. gr. beans, B&B, Peaches, WED.: mt. lf., w/ creole sc., mash. pot., corn, B&B, fruit, THURS.: ju., frank on bun, rel. & must., pot. chips, cab. aplsc., FRI.: ju., gril. cheese sand., PB sand., car., cookies, fruit.

PEIRCE SCHOOL

MON.: org. ju., scal. pot., dic. hm., peas & car., B&B, honey PB balls, TUES.: hmbg. patti on roll, corn, car sticks, cheese, PB sand., cit. fruit, WED.: org. ju., bf. veg. stew, muf., peach shortck. w/top., THURS.: pk. sg. pat., hs. br. pot., broc., B&B, raisin cookies, FRI.: tuna sail bt., cole sl. w/grat. car., pickles bts, PB sand., org. cof. ck.

DANAHER SCHOOL

MON.: ju., hmbg. on roll, car., org. blsm. ck., TUES.: ju., slic. bologn & cheese on roll, corn, pot. chips, fruit, cookies, WED.: mac. in tom. & mt. sc., gr. beans, B&B, fruit, THURS.: ju., hmbg. in gravy, mash. pot., B&B, broc. ic. crm., FRI.: ju., gril. cheese sand., PB sand., cab. & car. salad, aples., PB cookies.

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MON.: ital. spag. w/mt. & spag. sc., fruit slaw salad, B&B, fruit, TUES.: ju., pk. chop suet on rice, but. car., PB on rye, choco. cust. donut, WED.: org. ju., chick. pie w/bis. top. crnbry. sc., broc. pinapple chunks, THURS.: cit. ju., mt. bl. grind., let. & tom. salad, slic. peaches, FRI.: org. ju., mtl. lasagna w/sc., ABC salad, rolls, PB on rye, cit. org. jel. w/top.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

MON.: cit. ju., mt. bl. gmd. w/sc., car., cheese, fruit, TUES.: spag. w/mt. sc., gr. beans, B&B, apricots, WED.: ju., frank on roll, must. & rel., corn, cheese, chry nut ck. w/but. frost., THURS.: org. ju., hmbg. gravy on bread, but. mix. veg., fruit jello w/top., FRI.: ju., fishburger, pot. chips, ABC salad, fruit, Honey PB balls.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL

MON.: ju., tst. hm. & cheese roll, corn, car. spice ck., TUES.: ju., hmbg. on bun, stew. tom., PB sand., fruit w/oatmeal cookie, WED.: ju., shell mac. w/mt. balls, tos. salad, banana ck. B&B, THURS.: ju., bf. in gravy, mash. pot., peas, jello w/top., B&B, FRI.: ju., tuna fish salad, pot. chips, but. car., pumpk. ck., B&B.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MON.: gr. hm. w/pinapple, par. pot., aplsc. B&B, PB sand., nut ck. w/ choco icing, TUES.: org. ju., ts. hm. & cheese roll, cab. pineapple salad, must. & cat., PB sand., lemon pie sq., WED.: org. ju., hmbg. on roll, fr. fr. pot., car., slic. onions, cheese, PB sand., banana ck. w/ic. THURS.: org. ju., chick. salad sailbt. pot. chips, grd. salad, PB sand., aple scrisp. FRI.: fr. fish sticks, par. pot., bts., tartar sc., PB sand., raisin cof. ck.

Racing at Stafford Springs

Bugsy Stevens has 2 nat'l championships and one 2nd. place in 3 years with NASCAR. The Rehoboth, resident has two track championships and one 5th place at Stafford Springs Speedway over the same span.

Stevens will be among the favorites Friday night when the NASCAR modifieds open the Stafford Season. A 50-lap feature highlights a full schedule of events, action starting at 8:15.

Stevens will be looking for his 3rd straight nat'l title. NASCAR has yet to have a 3 time champ in 21 years and it appears a good year at Stafford goes along with a good year nationally.

The half-mile oval has been the regular Friday night haunt for the past 3 nat'l modified champs. Back in 1966, Ernie Cahan of Dover, H.H. finished 4th at Stafford on his way to the nat'l title.

Friday night's field should include

4 of the top 8 modified drivers in last year's final standings. Fred DeSarro of Westerly, R.I. was runner up last reay, Leo Cleary of Hanover was 5th and Ed Flemke of Southington, Conn., 7th.

Cardinal 500 runner-up Bob Santos of Millis, is already a contender for the 1969 crown after a 16th last year. Sal Dee, 20th a season ago, has been improving steadily and the New Haven driver appears ready to make the big push.

Dee and Flemke lead a strong group of Nutmeggers at Stafford. Dick Watson (Clinton), Don Flynn (Windsor Locks), the latter in a brand new Mustang modified, Holly Wilder (Warehouse Point) and Joe Trudeau (Baltic) are also home grown drivers.

The hunch players will have to go with Flemke. "Steady Eddy" has won the last 2 modified openers at Stafford.

Still, the smart better wouldn't even try to pick a winner.

LaRIVIERE RECEIVES DARTMOUTH AWARD

On Thursday eve., April 24, the Dartmouth Club held its annual awards dinner at Betty's Towne House.

Twelve Springfield area H.S. juniors were chosen to receive this coveted award for outstanding academic and athletic ability. The recipient from Agawam was Wayne LaRiviere son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond G. LaRiviere, 427 North St., Feeding Hills. Wayne is a member of the soccer team, ski team, and track team, he is also a member of the H.S. band and orchestra, National honor society, student council and has been chosen to represent Agawam on Governors day at the E.S. Exposition in Sept.

Governors Counsel Atty. Raymond Fontana and head basketball coach David R. Gavitt of Dartmouth made the presentation.

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Back yard Frontier

BY POLLY BRADLEY
Mass. Audubon Society

"Conn. has already lost more than 1/2 of its irreplaceable tide marsh areas and the remaining acres are in critical danger," according to a report published recently by the Conn. Conservation Assoc'n.

"Time is running out -- the last chapter for Conn. estuaries is being written and indeed the book will be closed unless action is taken. Man is on the brink of destroying the most productive parcel of his environment."

The report a joint effort by conservation writer Dallas Miner and Robert Kunz, Exec. V.P. of the C.C.A. says, "Coastal wetlands are among the most highly productive areas on earth, whose fertility compares favorably with agricultural lands under intensive management. The shallow, brackish waters of the estuaries receive fertilizing minerals washed down from the land, then, in bays and tidal rivers, sunlight penetrates to the bottom stimulating lush plant growth, estuaries provide a dining hall for hundreds of species of fish, serving the sugar, protein, and other nutrients necessary for survival. The sheltered bays and marshes are a nursery for billions of young. The shallow bottoms are a busy grocery store of millions of oysters, clams, shrimp and crabs."

Just protecting fish and shellfish would be a sufficient reason for protecting salt marshes to an economist (or a gourmet). But there are plenty of other reasons, including storm protection, recreation, education, natural beauty, and protection of other forms of wildlife beside fish and shellfish.

Conn. conservationists are working towards stronger and more enforceable legislation to save their

remaining wetlands.

The CCA reports: "A few N.E. states, Mass., and Rhode Island in particular, have already passed meaningful protective laws. Mass. not only exercises control when someone proposes alteration of a coastal marsh area but can initiate use restrictions on its own. Rhode Island legislation provides similar protection to the estuarine waters within its boundaries. The Rhode Island Marshlands zoning Act, passed in 1965, is designed to restrict the use of coastal wetlands for the benefit of public health, marine fisheries, wildlife and other cons. purposes. The Rhode Island Dep't of Nat. Resources has gained some zoning power over the marshes from this legislation."

A snag everywhere seems to be finances. The Conn. State Bd. of fisheries and Game owns and administers 4,200 acres of tidal wetlands and would like to acquire about 7,100 more, if funds are appropriated.

The Mass. Audubon Soc. reports that though the Mass. coastal wetland legislation is a model of conservation law, full aneffective protection can only be extended as quickly as funding for the Mass. Dep't of Nat. Resources permits, and money is tight.

According to the Maine Audubon Soc., Maine has a coastal wetlands law but neither staff nor funds to administer it. A new law is being proposed in Maine which would give financial support to the program.

In protecting New England's wetlands, economists must look at the long-term economic value of salt marshes. If we do not act now to protect salt marshes permanently, future generations will lose millions of dollars permanently.

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The basic rule to remember is that a vessel approaching you from any point dead ahead to within a ninety degree angle coming from the right has the right of way.

When two boats approach head on, each should steer to the right or starboard side. When one boat is overtaking another, he must keep clear of the slower moving boat which has the right of way. Boats leaving the dock have no right of way until they are in open water.

The vessel having the right of way is called "privileged" but has the obligation to maintain course and speed. The vessel not having the right of way is "burdened" and must take necessary action to avoid the possibility of collision by turning, slowing, stopping or reversing.

Sailboats are always privileged over power boats except in a rare situation when they are overtaking boats under power. Fishing boats whether anchored or underway have the right of way.

A good rule to remember when approaching larger vessels such as freighters is that they have the right of weight though you may technically be privileged.

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CHOCOLATE MOUSSE SHORT PIE

Baked Short Pie Shell (below)
1 envelope (1 tablespoon) unflavored gelatin
3 tablespoons water
1 cup chocolate syrup
2 cups chilled whipping cream
½ cup confectioners' sugar
¼ teaspoon salt

Bake Short Pie Shell. Cool. Soften gelatin in water; dissolve over hot water. Stir into chocolate syrup. In chilled bowl, beat cream, confectioners' sugar and salt until stiff. Fold into chocolate mixture. Pile into Baked Short Pie Shell. Chill until set, at least 4 hours. Remove pie from refrigerator 20 minutes before serving. 6 servings.

Baked Short Pie Shell: Heat oven to 450°. In small mixing bowl or 9-inch pie pan, combine 1 cup Bisquick and ¼ cup soft

butter. Add 3 tablespoons boiling water; stir vigorously with fork until dough forms a ball and cleans the bowl. Dough will be puffy and soft. With floured fingers and heel of hand, pat dough evenly into 9-inch pie pan, bringing up dough to edge of pan. Flute edge if desired. Bake 8 to 10 minutes.

PALACE COURT SALAD

Arrange a mound of finely shredded lettuce on salad plate. Place a thick large tomato slice on lettuce. Place 1 large (or 3 small) cooked artichoke hearts on tomato. Cover generously with pieces of crabmeat, shrimp or cooked chicken. Garnish around edge of lettuce with sieved hard-cooked egg. Serve with bottled Russian dressing.

Remember cut flowers from the garden to pretty up the table.

BRAIN TWISTERS

RUBBER CHECK

A dealer sold a radio to a customer, priced at \$69.98, accepted a check for \$80.00, giving his customer \$10.02 change in cash. The dealer later endorsed the check over to his landlord in part payment of his rent. The check turned out to be worthless and the customer could not be found. The dealer had to make the check good to his landlord, but the latter accepted the same kind of radio in part settlement. If this type of radio cost the dealer \$43.75 wholesale, what was the amount of his loss?

ANSWERS

His loss was \$43.75 plus \$10.02, or a total of \$53.77.

TRANSFORMATIONS

If you're good at juggling letters, you can change each of these words listed here into another perfectly good word, just by rearranging the letters.

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|--------------|-------------|
| 1. CINERAMA. | 5. MONDAY. |
| 2. MIRACLE | 6. TOASTER |
| 3. KITCHEN. | 7. ULSTER. |
| 4. SLEEPERS. | 8. DENTIST. |

ANSWERS

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| 1. American. | 2. Reclaim. | 3. Thicken. |
| 4. Peerless. | 5. Dynamo. | 6. Rotates. |
| 7. Result. | 8. Stinted. | |

NICKNAMES

Each item in this list has a nickname which is a popular given-name of a person. For instance, "An English policeman" is known as a BOBBY. Try yourself on these:

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| 1. Burglar's tool. | 6. Small pie. |
| 2. Poker stake. | 7. Ventilator. |
| 3. Nursemaid. | 8. Shirt front. |
| 4. Wooden pin. | 9. Hairdress |
| 5. Short club. | 10. Lifting tool. |

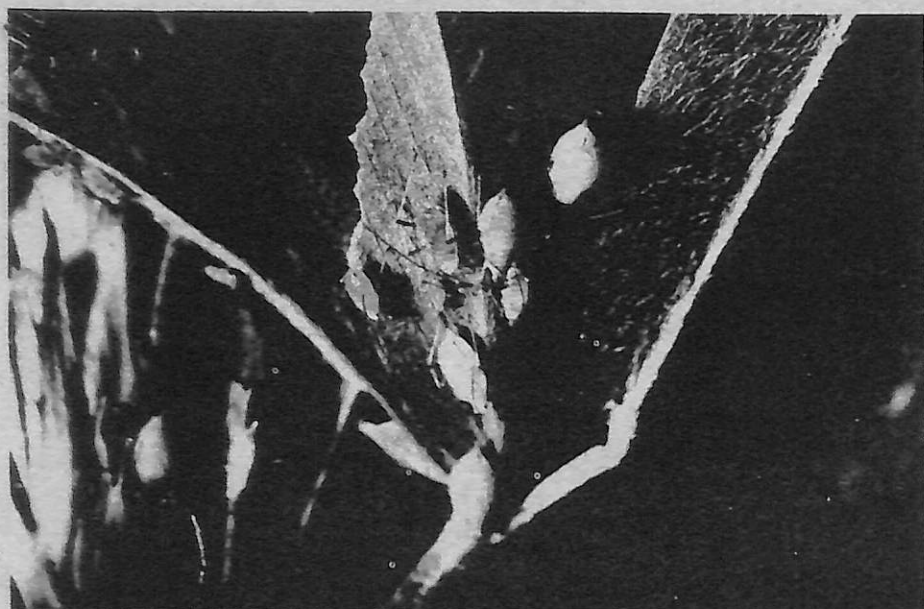
ANSWERS

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| 1. Jimmy. | 2. Kitty. | 3. Nanny. |
| 4. Peg. | 5. Billy. | 6. Patty. |
| 7. Fan. | 8. Dicky. | 9. Bob. |
| 10. Jack. | | |



"Now I know why you've been so sweet to me lately, Walter. You've been building up to asking me for a heart transplant!"

Despite what most people say, most of us want to do the right thing, even though we don't do it.



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Shrimp Oriental

- 1 1/2 teaspoons corn starch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 tablespoon dry sherry or lemon juice
- 1 pound shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 2 tablespoons corn oil
- 1 scallion, chopped

Mix corn starch, salt and ginger. Stir in sherry. Toss with shrimp, coating evenly. Heat corn oil in skillet. Add shrimp and saute over medium heat 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add scallions.

Recipe makes 3 servings, serve on rice.

Rum Sauce Makes Glaze

Rum adds flavor to this easy sauce. Use it to top a cake and it will form an attractive glaze. Or spoon it over ice cream for a different sundae. Served warm, it is also delicious on gingerbread, bread pudding, and apple cobbler. The dark rum gives a stronger rum flavor.

Rum Sauce

- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- 2 tablespoons light or dark rum
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

Mix sugar, salt, cinnamon and corn starch in a small saucepan. Add margarine, water and rum. Stirring constantly, bring to a boil over low heat and boil 1 minute. Remove from heat; add vanilla. Serve warm over cake or ice cream.

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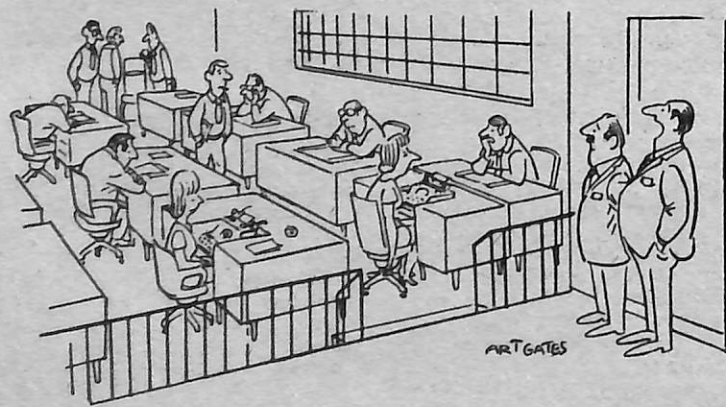
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Perhaps the two that grow best under this condition are begonias, the small-flowered, fibrous-rooted sort, and patience plant, also called sultana,impatiens and by other names.

Should you choose the first of these two—the begonia, you should inform yourself of the new hybrids. These have larger flowers, sturdier plants and a greater tolerance for such sunlight as shines under a tree in late afternoon.

There are both single and double-flowered forms of these hybrid begonias. A few names are given for your guidance in buying seeds: White Christmas, Christmas Candle (rose-colored blooms) and Jewelita (scarlet to pink flowers above bronze leaves) are double-flowered.

Linda, Matador, Pink Pearl, White Tausendschon and Scarletta are single-flowered. The first named has blossoms of rose color then, in the order

given, varieties have scarlet, rosy-pink, white and scarlet flowers.

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THE STRANGE CASE OF DANNY KING

POISONED BY 'SAFE' INSECTICIDE

A seven-year-old Louisiana boy recently fell critically ill 24 hours after he went to a fairgrounds which had been heavily sprayed with insecticides, according to the boy's pediatrician. Danny King, of Shreveport, became dangerously ill from a lack of blood platelets. His doctor suspected that inhaling the poisonous insecticide fumes harmed the bone marrow where the platelets are produced. Without enough platelets, which help the blood to coagulate, the blood becomes so thin it oozes internally into surrounding tissues.

Danny King has suffered from a tendency to this platelet disorder ever since he was an infant, but he has been well ever since his spleen was removed in an operation three and one-half years ago. For unknown reasons, a splenectomy frequently helps people like Danny King, who react seriously and sometimes fatally to inhaling various types of fumes. Such a reaction is far more common than most people realize. Danny's doctor reports that within the past few years a Shreveport medical clinic has seen about ten cases similar to Danny's, though none was as serious.

Although Danny's is an extreme case, most people who apply insecticides or come in contact with them during the course of their work have a higher-than-normal incidence of leukopenia (lowered white cell count) and neurologic effects, such as impairment of reflexes. That observation was made by a group of doctors who reported on a study of 441 apple growers and 332 other persons. Their report was published in the *Journal of the Canadian Medical Association*.

Apple growers were chosen for the study because they follow a regular and uniform method of insecticide use. The fact that apple growers do not use insecticides for six months of the year also attracted the researchers, who sought to find if chronic effects of insecticide poisoning would remain during the winter months. The group of 332 other persons in the study consisted of 162 people who did not come in contact with insecticides at all, and 170 who lived in or near orchards and did such work as harvesting and grading apples. That group did not do any actual spraying, but contacted insecticides in other ways.

Both the spray users and the people who handled apples during harvest were found to suffer about the same from low white cell counts and nerve disorders. About 26 per cent had those ill effects during the spray season. The researchers, led by Dr. Lise F. Davignon, assumed from their data that long-term, chronic effects were also caused by insecticide exposure, but said that their study should be repeated at five-year intervals before they could be sure the effect of insecticides was not just temporary.

The impact of insecticides on the average American has been discussed at Pennsylvania State University by Dr. Mary L. Schafer, a chemist from the Taft Sanitary Engineering Center in Cincinnati. She estimated that we breathe, eat and drink a total of about 50 milligrams of pesticides each year. The largest part of that load—44.8 milligrams—comes from food, Dr. Schafer said.

Even milk was found to be never free of pesticides. Although the Food and Drug Administration says milk should contain no pesticide residues, Dr. Schafer said detectable amounts were found in all samples analyzed at the Taft Center. The amounts were as small as .008 parts per billion. Of particular interest is the fact that levels of pesticides found in human milk were "all higher than the FDA would have permitted on the market" in cow's milk, she said. Individual samples revealed combined concentrations of DDT and DDE between .11 and .30 parts per million. In one composite sample a concentration of 1.6 parts per million was found.



FACTS ABOUT 2,4-D

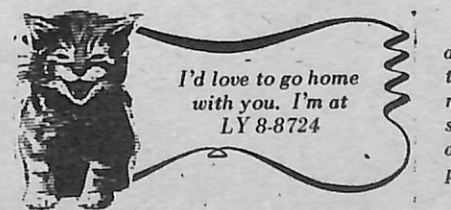
■ The herbicidal properties of 2,4-D were discovered during World War II, and by 1952 over 25 million pounds had been consumed. It is a so-called "selective" herbicide, meaning that it will affect only certain kinds of plants. This spray is used, for instance, to kill weeds in crops such as sorghum, small grains and in flax, without adversely affecting the cash crop. Although it is claimed that 2,4-D is relatively non-toxic to higher animals, it is on the government list of suspected cancer-causers, and is subject to tolerance requirements for farmers. It is usually applied not from airplanes, but with tractor or trailer-mounted sprayers, because of its adverse effect on other cash crops which may be nearby, such as cotton, tomatoes and grapes. When sprayed from the air, its destructive powers can be carried easily by changing air currents.

LIVER POISON

■ Without exception, every one of the chlorinated cyclic hydrocarbon insecticides is a liver poison. This is true of the entire series from the solvent monochloro-benzene and the mothicide paradichlorobenzene to DDT and the chlorinated naphthalenes aldrin and dieldrin. The chlorinated naphthalenes were shown to produce hepatitis.

Insecticide hazards may well rank in seriousness of adverse effects with the dangers of radioactive fallout. The use of toxic chemicals for the purpose of protecting agricultural and forest crops has now skyrocketed to the point where cumulative secondary poisoning of human beings and wildlife, which already exists to some extent, may become catastrophic.

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■ According to John L. George of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, aerial application of insecticides has already included: 500,000 acres for imported fire ant eradication; 9,000,000 acres for grasshopper control; 3,000,000 acres for gypsy moth control; and 1,000,000 acres for spruce budworm control.

Approximately a fourth of the United States crop land is treated annually to some extent with pesticides, states Mr. George.

GREATEST THREAT

■ Up to this point I have tried to present largely factual data (showing the total number of wildlife killed by spraying). In conclusion I wish to express three somewhat more philosophical views resulting from my deliberations on this problem:

(1) The current wide-spread and expanding pesticide program poses the greatest threat that animal life in North America has ever faced—worse than deforestation, worse than market hunting and illegal shooting, worse than drainage, drought, oil pollution, and possibly worse than all these decimating factors combined.

(2) The present ill-conceived and grossly mismanaged fire ant eradication program will go down in history as the worst biological blunder that man has ever made.

(3) If this and other pest-eradication programs are carried out as now projected, we shall have been witnesses, within a single decade, to a greater extermination of animal life than in all the previous years of man's history on earth.

George J. Wallace
Department of Zoology
Michigan State University

SPRAY "FALLOUT"

■ The National Audubon Society warns the general public that all use of highly toxic modern insecticides, fungicides and so-called pesticides by governmental agencies, farmers, and other land owners, including gardeners, carries with it a much higher potential of harm to human beings and wildlife than is generally recognized.

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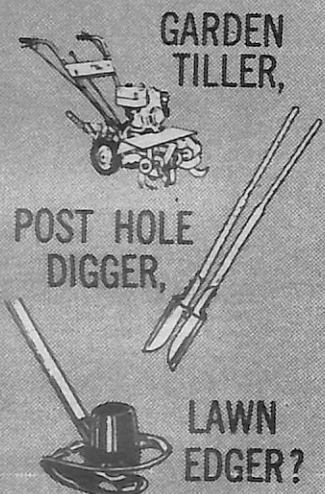
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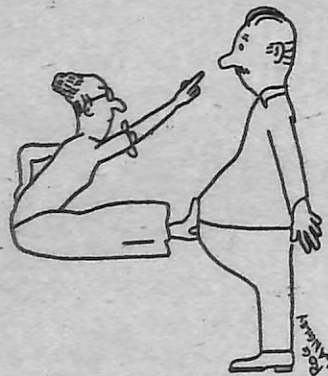
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Cigarettes can kill you.
Smoke enough and,
chances are, they will.
For real. For good. And forever.
You've got just one life.

Why blow it?

american cancer society

A young man came tearing
down the ferry slip, made a tre-
mendous leap over the water
and landed with a crash on the
deck of the boat. As he got up
and dusted himself off one of
the deck hands sauntered over
and said: "You didn't have to
rush buddy. This boat is coming
in."

The ALA says drivers who weave
in and out of traffic lanes take great
pains to show small brains.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss Probate Court
To all persons interested in the
estate of **NELLIE E. SUNDERMAN**
late of Agawam in said County of
Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to
said Court for probate of a certain
instrument purporting to be the last
Will of said deceased by **EUGENE V.
OEHLERS** of said Agawam and
DOROTHY SUNDERMAN SMITH
of Springfield in the County of
Hampden praying that they be ap-
pointed executors thereof without
giving a surety on their bonds.

If you desire to object thereto,
you or your attorney should file a
written appearance in said Court at
Springfield, in said County of Hamp-
den, before ten o'clock in the fore-
noon on the sixteenth day of May
1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **ABRAHAM I. SMITH**,
Esquire, First Judge of said Court,
this tenth day of April 1969.

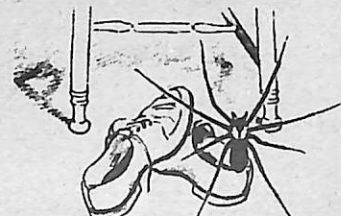
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
April 24, May 1, 8

Sneaky Spider--- 'Brown Recluse' Is A Problem

An innocuous-looking little
spider named "The Brown Re-
cluse" has recently been found to
be even more dangerous than the
long-feared "Black Widow."

The Brown Recluse has be-
come enough of a health problem
— several deaths and a number of
serious bites—to become a subject
of a research study and a recent
report published in the Medical
News Section of the Journal of
the American Medical Associa-
tion.

The spider tries to steer clear
of humans—hence its name—but
because it likes to hide in dark
recesses of buildings, it comes un-
der inadvertent human assault in



bedding, shoes and other places
where it seeks daytime refuge.

The Brown Recluse has been
found in at least 13 states in the
South, Southwest and Midwest,
and is thought to be moving into
other sections of the country. Be-
cause of the spider's tendency to
retreat into wadded-up newspa-
pers or blankets or other dark
areas in daytime, it easily could
be transported north by vaca-
tioners to states where it has not
yet been seen.

The spider may bite without
the victim being aware of it.
There is little early pain associ-
ated with a bite. Unlike the
Black Widow, both males and fe-
males can inject venom.

Pain may be felt in two to
eight hours, followed by inflam-
mation of the skin, blistering,
hemorrhage and ulceration.

Of the Brown Recluse's bite,
one researcher told JAMA News:

"Several deaths have been
attributed to this spider. Our data
indicate a biological poison much
more potent than known snake
venoms, and probably more toxic
than venom from the Black Wid-
ow spider." Exactly how the ven-
om acts remains to be determined.

Treatment involves injection
of a medication over a period of
days and in more serious cases
hospitalization.

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Rubbish Collection Schedules

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| Fri., May 9 | Rte. 5 |
| Mon., " 12 | Rte. 6 |
| Tues., " 13 | Rte. 7 |
| Wed., " 14 | Rte. 8 |
| Thurs., " 15 | Rte. 9 |
| Fri., " 16 | Rte. 10 |